

Sirs:

I am not a long-time Amateur license holder. I've had my license since 1995. I am also a police training officer at a category X airport, responsible for radio use training for police officers and dispatchers. I am also a member of several committees at the airport that deal with communications issues.

I support the NCVEC proposal. It seems to be the most logical of the current crop of restructuring plans; the others seem to put obsessive sentimentality regarding CW testing ahead of common sense and progress.

The CW debate has taken on a life of its own. For people to get so wound up over a communications mode to the extent that they become incensed to a near-violent point is, in my opinion, ludicrous. Amateur radio is a hobby that on occasion has uses in emergency communication. It's not life.

I respectfully request that the Commission consider all of the current petitions and choose the one that they feel does the most good for the Amateur Radio Service in this new century. In my personal and professional opinion, the NCVEC proposal, RM-10870, is that petition.

Sincerely,  
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